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(S) Royal Court Minister Samir Rifai confirmed to Charge November 29 that the GOJ had no current plans to launch any political initiatives related to Iraq's internal conflicts. He said the GOJ effort to organize a conference in early November for Iraqi Sunni Arabs had been at the request of IIG PM Allawi, and that the decision to cancel the conference was also a response to an Allawi request. Rifai noted that Allawi, who is to visit Jordan December 1-2, may well be planning to meet with Iraqis resident in Jordan, but that the GOJ does not plan to play a role.

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